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REMARKS

Applicant asks for reconsideration of the rejections made in the office action of February 24, 2005.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of prior Claim 5, and to make clear that the force-applying surface extends for a distance that is greater than twice the distance along which the tongue extends. As is clear in the Olson patent, Figure 3a, the tongue 27 extends throughout the great bulk of the distance of the upper surface e of the keeper. In no way is this upper keeper surface portion more than twice the distance of the tongue. As such, claim 1 is allowable over this reference.

Other claims define around the prior art even without amendment. As an example, claim 4 recites that the elongated surface is curved. As is clear from Figure 2, there is hardly any surface at all above the tongue 27, and not one "curved," and certainly not curved in the claimed direction. As such, claim 4 is additionally allowable for this reason.

Independent claim 6 is allowable in that the force-applying surface is recited as having a radius of curvature. This limitation cannot be met by the Olson patent.

Independent claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of prior claim 11. These claims require that the web extends in a perpendicular direction that is greater than the thickness of the legs. As is clear from Figure 2, the portion of Olson the examiner is reading to be the elongate surface, and also the web, does not extend for nearly the width of the legs. As such, independent claim 7 is allowable.

Dependent claims 9 and 10 go back to claims 3 and 6, respectively, and add similar limitations. These claims are not properly rejected over the Olson patent either.

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Applicant has invented an improvement to a keeper for a window pane. The references in no way meet the limitations required by the claims. As such, allowance of all claims is in order. Such action is solicited.

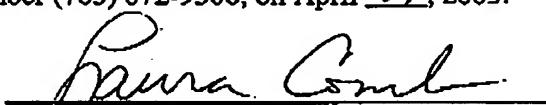
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